

MUST SET EXAMPLE SAYS NOTED JURIST

JUDGE BRUCE IN ADDRESS

Scores Officials Who Lead the Young Astray by Saying One Thing and Doing Another; Faith Lost

Judge Andrew A. Bruce, professor of law in Northwestern university, took a whack at judges who violate the liquor law and at men prominent in public and social life who "love their bellies more than they do their country," in tracing the causes of crime in a speech at a convocation of the students of the University of Illinois recently at Urbana.

"If we would expect our boys and girls to be moral and law abiding," he said, "we should be moral and law abiding ourselves. What respect can the young man have for the courts when many of our judges themselves violate the law. Recently a newly naturalized foreigner in a southern state was asked whether the address of the judge which was made at the time of his naturalization was not a fine thing and did not impress him. 'No, damn him,' the man replied, 'I know his bootlegger.'"

Deplorable Situation

"There are men prominent in public and social life who love their bellies more than they do their country. When a mayor of a great city who himself was anxious to enforce the law was compelled to admit that 75 per cent of his policemen were bootleggers what respect can the young boy or girl have for the police as a whole or for the administration of the law?"

Crime, Judge Bruce pointed out, is largely a problem of adolescent youth. Eighty per cent of the serious crimes are committed by persons between 16 and 25 years old. Last year no less than 60,000 boys and 7,000 girls were arrested in Chicago charged with the commission of crime, he said.

Faith and Reverence Lost

"Young men and women and boys and girls cut loose and commit crime because they have lost their faith and lost their reverence," Judge Bruce declared, "and have entertained the wrong estimate of the real values and purposes of life. They have lost their moorings and have mistaken the real values. They have lost respect for themselves. They have lost respect for the government. They have lost respect for their parents. For this adults are large to blame, as adults are not fair to youth."

Men in public life have done much toward misleading youth, Judge Bruce said. He pointed to the captain of industry, who otherwise should be entitled to the greatest respect, who boasted at a meeting of a business club in Chicago recently of his contempt for any violation of the Volstead act. He told a story of entertaining the governor of a southern state and after taking the governor through his garden said, "Let's walk up to the house and get a drink," and the governor replied, "Let's run."

"The audience to whom this story was told laughed and undoubtedly the story was funny," said Judge Bruce, "but the tragedy lay in the fact that it was funny, since it was followed by a statement by the speaker that he violated and intended to violate the Volstead act because he did not believe in it. Yet if there had been a strike in a factory which this man controlled and an injunction had been issued restraining the strikers, he undoubtedly would have contended the injunction should have been obeyed whether the strikers believed in it or not, simply because it was the law. The strikers, however, might have answered as he has answered in regard to the liquor law, 'We don't like the law and we don't have to obey any law which we don't approve.'"

Not Fair to Youth

"We are not fair to our young men and our young women. We arrest them for driving automobiles when they are drunk. We arrest them if they commit crimes while they are drunk. We arrest them if they forge checks while they are drunk or in order to obtain liquor, yet we allow liquor to be sold openly. Policemen often take part in its distribution; druggists, who should be professional men, vend it and then we expect all boys and girls to respect the law and the government. We must not lead youth astray or throw temptation in his way. We must call attention to real values."

The nation will never abolish the eighteenth amendment nor essentially amend the Volstead act, Judge Bruce declared; so there is only one thing to do, and that is for the average citizen to obey the law.

"We can't have a country that is half law-abiding and half lawless," he continued. "The fact is that the misery and wretchedness which has come from the use of liquor has been a thousandfold greater than any benefit that has been derived, and the amount of crime which has been caused either directly or indirectly by the use of liquor is appalling. Whether this be true or not, the fact is that we have outlawed liquor and we should outlaw every man who has a part in the violation of the law."

Sowing the Wind

"We are sowing the wind and we shall reap the whirlwind. We are allowing the bootleggers to become millionaires and control the destinies of great cities and even of sovereign

states. They and their children will be the aristocracy of the future and the leaders of society and of finance. Formerly it was said of the codfish aristocracy of the east that the Catholics talked with the Lodges and the Lodges talked with God. In the future the gin bottle and not the codfish will be the favored armorial bearing.

"I know that the young men and young women of our universities are not going to stand for such a thing and if they want to assert their independence of their elders, here is their opportunity."

URGE WOMEN'S CLUBS BUILD LASTING GIFTS

Magazine Suggests Permanent Offerings to Home Towns; Good Argument

Many women's clubs throughout the country, have hit upon a new Christmas idea, presenting their home towns with lasting gifts instead of indulging in temporary charitable enterprises and leaders of the movement are urging wide adoption of the plan.

Summing up what has been accomplished in this direction, the Woman's Home Companion points out a number of examples which can be followed in even the smallest community.

The Book Lovers' Club of Basin, Wyo., presented the town with a library, the thirteen clubwomen having only fifty dollars with which to begin the enterprise. The small collection of books was housed in the commercial club, and members at first took turns acting as librarians. Within a few months the club doubled the number of books, and after a few years a house and lot was acquired and the library new flourishes with aid from direct taxation.

The Friday Reading club of Thayer, Kas., established a circulating library as a Christmas gift, which has now grown to wide proportions. A small club of eighteen members in Keosauqua, Iowa, had no funds, but each member contributed twenty-five cents and with the meagre nucleus of four dollars and fifty cents announced the presentation to the town of a community house. The fund grew rapidly and now a handsome building houses all of the activities of the little town. The women of Glacier Park, a town that is under snow nine months of the year, presented the public with a school and community house, all of which started with a tiny sum. In Van Wert, Ohio, the women's club present was a free kindergarten, and in Centerdale, Iowa, a continuing course of a child study was established as a Christmas present. Another small community, purchased as a gift two blue spruce trees, the planting of which started a much needed program of beautification.

The community gift plan, club leaders urge, is something that will permit any club to prove that its work is really important in the district it serves.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS TEN ARBITRATORS

Selection of ten arbitrators of the Illinois Industrial commission, made code officers by act of the last general assembly, is announced by Governor Small, as follows:

Charles A. Townsend, Aurora; Thomas Sweebee, Secor; W. W. Carroll, Peoria; Bert Travender, Harrisburg; E. M. Sorrels, East St. Louis; Robert F. Hunter, Nokomis; Daniel J. May, Samuel J. Simon, Harriet Reid, and Albert V. Becker of Chicago.

In many colleges, education week was enthusiastically celebrated by games of football.

PHONE OPERATORS TO CONTINUE "THANK YOU"

Telephone operators of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., will continue to say "thank you" when requests are made for a number, instead of repeating the number.

The Illinois Commerce Commission

has issued an order dismissing the citation against the company to show cause why operators should not repeat the number asked for by a customer. According to telephone experts the new practice results in a saving in time, and also keeps patrons in better humor.

The moral law is said to be difficult to observe, but not so much as the automobile law.

The football games, now comes the time of ha-ha-ing at the minstrel shows.

The politician who promises to protect American institutions, should be asked what he can do to improve the quality of pie.

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